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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6508

BILL NUMBER: SB 573

DATE PREPARED: Dec 2, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Student Instructional Days.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a maximum of two school days when students are dismissed for a full day for parent-teacher conferences and two school days when students are dismissed for a full day for staff professional development activities count as student instructional days for purposes of the required 180-day school year. It voids provisions in the Indiana Administrative Code that allow partial school days that are used for parent-teacher conferences to count as partial student instructional days.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Instructional Days - The State would incur no additional costs due to the provisions of this bill. It would continue to fund Indiana's 294 school corporations at current funding levels in accordance with current law.

Indiana Administrative Code- This bill requires that provisions in the Indiana Administrative Code allowing partial school days be removed by the Indiana Legislative Services Agency (LSA). LSA would incur minimal administrative time and cost due to this provision.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Instructional Days - School corporations would experience a decrease in transportation costs due to pupils not being required to attend school during parent-teacher conferences or professional development activities. In addition, school corporations would experience a decrease in substitute teacher costs regarding ½ day parent-teacher conferences and professional development activities (the statewide average reimbursement for a substitute teacher is approximately \$65 per day and is provided from a school corporation's General Fund).

The specific effects of this bill would vary by school corporation and would depend upon local action.

Explanation of Local Revenues: Instructional Days - School corporations would continue to receive funding from the State for 180 instructional days even though students would receive 176 instructional days in accordance with the provisions of this bill. Under current law, school corporations are allowed to conduct up to four ½ days of instruction each school year for the purpose of conducting parent-teacher conferences (four 2.5-hour days for grades 1 through 6 and four 3-hour days for grades 7 through 12).

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education, Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations.

Information Sources: Terry Spradlin, Department of Education, (317) 232-6671.